

# New Hampshire Rail Transit Authority

New Hampshire Department of Transportation, PO Box 483, Concord, NH 03302



## GOVERNANCE BOARD

### Minutes

### Inaugural/Organization Meeting

April 1, 2016

8:00 AM

NH Department of Transportation – Conference Room 114

Concord, NH

**Members Present:** Michael P. Izbicki, Dan O’Neil, David J. Preece, Anne Struthers, George Sykes  
Patrick Herlihy.

**Others Present:** Jennifer Kuzma, Office of the Governor; Mark Sanborn, Boston Express/Concord Coach  
Lines; Peter Griffin, Southern NH Planning Commission; Ed Staub and other members of the public.

**Call to Order** - The meeting was called to order by Chair Pro Tem Mike Izbicki at 8:00 AM. Mr. Izbicki  
asked the advisory board members to introduce themselves. It was determined that a quorum was  
present.

**Comments from the Public** - There were no comments from the public.

### Organization

1. Governance Board Goals and Objectives. Mr. Izbicki explained the rationale for the restructuring of the NHRTA Governance Board and the Advisory Board. He noted that the size of the Governance Board being smaller with nine members will make for easier administration of the legislative mission of the NHRTA and interaction with Federal Transit Administration and other agencies.

He commented that the 28-member Advisory Board was used to retain the statewide focus for passenger rail. He noted that the advisory board has the responsibility to appoint one of its members to the NHRTA Board. This gives the advisory board the opportunity to be directly involved in the work of the NHRTA Board.

2. Election of Officers – Mr. Izbicki called for the Election of Officers for the board. The board needs to elect a Chair, Vice Chair, and a Secretary

Election of Chair: Mr. Preece nominated Mr. Izbicki, second by Mr. Herlihy. There were no further nominations and nominations for Chair were closed. The vote was called and Mr. Izbicki was elected by a unanimous vote.

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1 The Chair called for nominations for Vice Chair.

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3 Mr. Preece nominated Mr. O'Neil. It was seconded by Mr. Izbicki.

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5 There being no further nominations, the Chair called the question and Mr. O'Neil was elected by  
6 a unanimous vote.

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8 The Chair called for nominations for Secretary

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10 Mr. Herlihy nominated Mr. Preece. Second, Mr. O'Neil.

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12 There being no further nominations, the Chair called the question and Mr. Preece was elected  
13 by a unanimous vote.

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15 3. Development of the By-Laws – Mr. Izbicki suggested that the Board review the previous NHRTA  
16 By-laws. Mr. Preece volunteered to send the previous by-laws to the Board members along  
17 with the five-year strategic plan that was adopted last September by the NHRTA. He noted that  
18 the Advisory Board will be updating the strategic plan this summer.

### **New Business**

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22 1. Establishment of Sub-Committees – After some discussion, Mr. Izbicki volunteered to be the  
23 Board representative on the Legislative Sub-Committee. He suggested that the Advisory Board  
24 have a NH Capitol Corridor Sub-Committee and asked that Mr. Preece put the item on the April  
25 22 Advisory Board meeting agenda. Mr. O'Neil volunteered to be a member of the NH Capitol  
26 Corridor Sub-Committee. Mr. Izbicki asked Mr. Herlihy whether the Board could get business  
27 cards. Mr. Herlihy responded that he could get some cards printed up for those members who  
28 were interested.

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30 2. Next Meeting Date, Time and Location – After some discussion, it was decided that the NHRTA  
31 Governance Board would meet in May and June, targeting the first Friday of the Month at 9:00  
32 AM. Representative Sykes will look into getting a room at the Legislative Office Building and will  
33 verify the location once it has been confirmed.

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35 3. Comments from the Public – Mr. Staub presented his computer software which identifies the  
36 various NH State senators and representatives and how they have voted in the past for the NH  
37 Capitol Corridor. In the response to his question, the Board urged him and the public to contact  
38 the members on the State Senate Committee on Transportation to get the NH Capitol Corridor  
39 funding back in the NH DOT Ten Year Plan.

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41 Mr. Izbicki also mentioned that the Rail Users' Network will be having their New England  
42 Regional Conference on Friday, April 29, 2016. The conference, "Who's Looking Out for You?"

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1 The State of Rail Advocacy in New England", will be held in Boston from 9:00 to 4:30 p.m. at the  
2 Boston Foundation, 75 Arlington Street-10fl. (Green Line-Arlington station, Orange Line-Back  
3 Bay station). Mr. Preece agreed to send the link for registration to the Board members.  
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### **Adjourn**

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7 Mr. Preece moved to Adjourn. The motion was seconded by Mr. O'Neil and it was passed unanimously.  
8 The meeting adjourned at 8:55 AM.  
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### **Future meetings:**

10 May 6, 2016 – 9:00 AM, location to be determined  
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